

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 1459. *A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 550 West Fort Street in Boise, Idaho, as the "James A. McClure Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.*

"...I rise today to introduce legislation naming the Federal building and United States courthouse in Boise, ID, for our former colleague Senator James A. McClure..."

Crapo

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S. 1460. An original bill making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; ***placed on the calendar.***

Feinstein

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S. 1461. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require that the screening of passengers and property on flights in air transportation be carried out by employees of the Federal Aviation Administration, and to assist small-to medium-size airports with security enhancements; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Durbin

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S. 1462. A bill to ***establish the Federal Emergency Transportation Administration;*** to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Snowe

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S. 1463. A bill to provide for the safety of American aviation and the suppression of terrorism; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Smith

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Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation To Subcommittees Of Budget Totals For Fiscal Year 2002." (Senate Report No. 107-67)

S. 1460, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. (Senate Report No. 107-68)

S. 1270, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at 8th Avenue and Mill Street in Eugene, Oregon, as the "Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse."

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Measure Passed:

Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 65, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002.

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Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse: Senate passed H.R. 1583, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 West Spring Street in New Albany, Indiana, as the "Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse," clearing the measure for the President.

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S. 1438. Department of Defense Authorization:

Senate continued consideration of S. 1438, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military constructions, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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See Pages S 9816-19: Senate Amendment 1690–Offered by Mr. Helms.

TITLE XIV–AMERICAN SERVICE-MEMBERS’ PROTECTION ACT OF 2001. (*International Criminal Court*)

SEC. 1401. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “American Servicemembers’ Protection Act of 2001.”

Adopted:

Domenici Amendment No. 1672, to provide permanent appropriations with fiscal year limits to the Radiation Exposure Compensation Trust Fund to make payments under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

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Warner (for Voinovich) Amendment No. 1687, to authorize agencies to use appropriated or other available funds to pay the cost of credentials and related examinations for Federal employees.

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Rejected:

Warner Amendment No. 1674, to strike section 821 of the bill, ***which would revise requirements relating to the purchase of Federal Prison Industries products*** by the Department of Defense. (By 74 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 287), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Nominations Received:

Senate received the following nominations:

Drew Howard Wrigley, of North Dakota, to be *United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota* for the term of four years.

Edward F. Reilly, of Kansas, to be a *Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission* for a term of six years. (Reappointment)

Cranston J. Mitchell, of Missouri, to be a *Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission* for a term of six years.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Environment and Public Works: ***Committee ordered favorably reported the following item: S. 1270, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at 8th Avenue and Mill Street in Eugene, Oregon, as the “Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse.”***

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Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded joint hearings with their Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia to examine enhanced airport security measures that the Federal Aviation Administration has adopted in the aftermath of the recent terrorist attacks, focusing on airport access controls, passenger and carry-on baggage screening, and alternatives to current screening practices.

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Committee Meetings (Cont’d.):

Committee on the Judiciary: ***Committee held hearings to examine the status of Federal investigations***

regarding the recent terrorist attacks and on proposals to improve law enforcement tools in the fight against terrorism, focusing on authorizing use of “roving” or “multi-point” wiretaps in intelligence investigations, updating money laundering, RICO, and wiretap laws, to make terrorism offenses predicates for exercising the authorities under those laws, supporting the families of the police, firefighters, and other law enforcement and public safety personnel, reviewing the penalty structure for terrorism crimes, reviewing and improving immigration authorities, increasing federal agents and capabilities along the Northern Border, authorizing hiring of necessary translators at the FBI, and condemning hate crimes and ethnic and religious discrimination, receiving testimony from John Ashcroft, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

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Committee Meeting For Wednesday, September 26, 2001:

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: @ 9:00 a.m. To hold oversight hearings to examine the Administration's national money laundering strategy for 2001. SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: @ 9:30 a.m. To hold closed hearings to examine critical energy infrastructure security and the energy industry's response to the events of September 11, 2001. SD-366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine psychological trauma and terrorism, focusing on assurance that Americans receive the support they need. SD-430.

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 2948. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to provide for random deployment of Federal air marshals on certain commercial air passenger flights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Baker

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H.R. 2951. A bill to improve aviation security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Ganske

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H.R. 2955. A bill to provide assistance for employees who are separated from employment as a result of reductions in service by air carriers, and closures of airports, caused by terrorist actions or security measures; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Gephardt

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Bills Introduced (Cont'd.):

H.R. 2956. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to accept contributions for the Pentagon Reservation Maintenance Revolving Fund to be used to repair the damage

caused by the terrorist attack on the Pentagon that occurred on September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Capito

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H.R. 2957. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration *to implement a criminal background check program* for pilot and flight service training applicants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Castle

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H.R. 2958. A bill to improve passenger airline safety and security; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Cunningham

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H.R. 2960. A bill to require inspection of all cargo on commercial trucks and vessels entering the United States; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Hunter

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H.R. 2965. *A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the exchange of information by electronic means between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other Federal agencies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Shays

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H.R. 2944. District of Columbia Appropriations:

The House passed H.R. 2944, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 by a yea-and-nay vote of 327 yeas to 88 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 355.

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Pursuant to the rule the amendments printed in Part A of House Report 107- 217 were considered as adopted.

Pages H5994, D 938

Agreed To:

Hostettler amendment No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of Sept. 24 that prohibits any funding to issue, administer, or enforce any order by the District of Columbia Commission on Human Rights related to docket numbers 93-030-(PA) and 93-031-(PA) concerning the Boy Scouts (agreed to by a recorded vote of 262 yeas to 152 noes, Roll No. 354.

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"...Let us suppose that the District of Columbia is wrong. If the District is wrong, the Boy Scouts of America, as I speak, are pursuing their remedy. They are pursuing it because that decision was appealed on July 19. Therefore, they are now in the courts. If we proceed, we are not only undermining the local courts of the District of Columbia, which, by the way, are Federal courts, but we are undermining the independence of the Federal judiciary as well, because this decision is based on a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States; and this matter will ultimately find its way there, if it has been incorrectly decided by the District's Human Rights Commission. We interfere with the independence of the judiciary when we, the Congress of the United States, decide that a politically unpopular decision has been made and, therefore, we will politically intervene into a court decision. We do not want to do that. We do not want to go there, especially not now..." (Norton, pages H 6007-8)

H.R. 2944. District of Columbia Appropriations (Cont'd.):

Withdrawn:

Hastings of Florida amendment was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for implementation of the security plan by the Metropolitan Police Department and the Fire Department of

the District of Columbia by \$5 million.

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The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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Earlier, **H. Res. 245**, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 351.

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H.R. 2883. Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence--Late Report:

The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence received permission to have until midnight on Wednesday, Sept. 26 to file a report on H.R. 2883, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

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H.R. 2199. District of Columbia Police Coordination Amendment--Suspension:

The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2199, to amend the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 to permit any Federal law enforcement agency to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia to assist the Department in carrying out crime prevention and law enforcement activities in the District of Columbia if deemed appropriate by the Chief of the Department and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia.

Pages H 6012-13, D 938

H.R. 2586. National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002:

The House passed H.R. 2586, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces by a recorded vote of 398 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 359. Agreed to amend the title. The House also considered the bill on Sept. 20.

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"... The Senate included technical corrections to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000--a compensation program that was included in Title 36 of the FY 2001 Defense Authorization Act. These changes embodied in Section 3151 of the Senate Committee report include: [] Setting a 10% cap on attorney fees for contested compensation claims beyond the 2% cap for the initial filing of compensation claim. Clarifying that rights of third party tort claimants to receive federal benefits who did not receive any recovery from these suits prior to the date of enactment of the FY'02 Defense Authorization Act..." (Strickland, page H 6037)

H.R. 2586. National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (Cont'd.):

Rejected the Bonior motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with amendments that strike section 331 dealing with FY 2002 limitations on workforce reviews and insert the text of subtitle G on Service Contracting Reform at the end of title III by a recorded vote of 197 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 358.

Agreed To:

Trafficant amendment No. 3 printed in House Report 107-218 that permits the assignment of military personnel to border patrol duties at the request of the Attorney General and Secretary of the Treasury (agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 356); and

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“... The Trafficant Amendment would assign, at the request of the Attorney General and the Treasury Department, military personnel to assist in patrolling the borders of the United States. The Trafficant amendment also provides for the establishment of a task force by either the Treasury Department or the Justice Department to aid in counter- terrorism and drug interdiction efforts. The Trafficant Amendment is a bad amendment for a number of reasons. [] The U.S.-Canadian border, which extends for approximately 4,000 miles (excluding Alaska) is one of the longest land borders in the world. Approximately 300 Border Patrol Agents assigned to one of eight Sectors share responsibility for controlling this vast border. The current national strategy of the Border Patrol directs the vast majority of Border Patrol resources to the Southwest border which is about half the length of the U.S.-Canada border. We need more resources to be directed to the northern border. Currently, threadbare resources have left the United States vulnerable to terrorist sneaking into the country from Canada. Monitoring the Northern Border is an enormous task and we do not have enough border patrol agents to be dispatched when illegal crossings are detected and there is a lack of agents on duty from midnight to sunrise. With such a low number of agents assigned to each station that only cover a portion of the border--and no coverage of the border at certain hours--it is surprising that people are apprehended at all. The best enforcement strategy should be a regional one that will ultimately focus key screening efforts at the two countries external borders through the use of joint intelligence...” (Jackson-Lee, page H 6022)

Stump amendment No. 5 printed in House Report 107-218 that increases funding for activities to combat terrorism by \$400 million.

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Rejected:

Sanchez amendment No. 4 printed in House Report 107-218 that sought to allow abortions to be performed in overseas military hospitals (rejected by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 357).

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The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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Agreed to H. Res. 246, the rule that providing for consideration of the bill by voice vote.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on Aviation Security and the Future of the Aviation Industry.

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on **H.R. 2768**, Medicare Regulatory and Contracting Reform Act of 2001.

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Committee Meetings For Wednesday, September 26, 2001:

Committee on Financial Services, @ 9:30 a.m. Hearing entitled “*America's Insurance Industry: Keeping the Promise.*” 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on “*Information Technology-Essential Yet*

Vulnerable: How Prepared Are We for Attack?” 2154 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on terrorism. 2123 Rayburn.

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Remarks:

Air Transportation Safety And System Stabilization Act.

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Criminal Alien Visa Denial Act Of 2001.

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The Safe Skies Act Of 2001.

Crenshaw

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Next SENATE MEETING: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., September 26, 2001.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., September 26, 2001.

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